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SUBJECT: Air Force Policy for the Use of Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine

According to AFJI 48-110, "Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis", all family members and dependents are to receive immunizations based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). In response to the eradication of wild polio virus in the Western Hemisphere and occasional reports of vaccine-associated polio in the United States, ACIP and the Centers for Disease Control advised (June 1999) conversion to an all IPV schedule for children by calendar year 2000. DoD confirmed and elaborated on this policy for the Military Health System in the subsequent ASD/HIA policy letter attached to this memo. Accordingly, Air Force policy will be to use only inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) for the immunization of children effective January 1, 2000. Details of the ACIP recommendations can be found in "Notice to Readers: Recommendations of the ACIP: Revised Recommendations for Routine Poliomyelitis Vaccination, MMWR, Vol. 48, No. 27, June 16, 1999," or online at <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4827a4.htm>.

Vaccination of adults, including military accessions, officer candidates, and Reserve Component personnel on initial active duty will continue in accordance with AFJI 48-110, using either oral or inactivated polio vaccine as indicated. As availability of oral polio vaccine is expected to become limited in the United States, transition to the use of IPV only in adults needing polio vaccine should be accomplished as soon as possible.

For further information or questions, my POC for this communication is Col Dana Bradshaw, AFMOA/SGOP, DSN 297-4268 or e-mail: [dana.bradshaw@usafsg.bolling.af.mil](mailto:dana.bradshaw@usafsg.bolling.af.mil)

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Attachment:  
ASD HIA Memo on IPV

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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MEDICAL READINESS, J-4,  
THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Policy for the Use of Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine

The Department of Defense policy shall be to use only inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) for the immunization of children against poliomyelitis within the Military Health System. The all-IPV schedule shall be implemented no later than January 1, 2000.

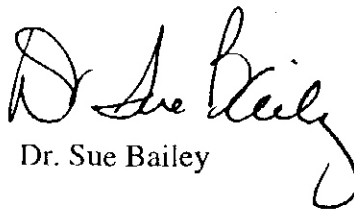
Per Service policy, all military accessions, officer candidates, and Reserve component personnel on initial active duty shall continue to receive a single dose of poliovirus vaccine. This adult booster dose meets the readiness requirement for potential travel to areas where poliomyelitis remains endemic. For individuals who have completed a primary vaccine series with IPV or oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV), either IPV or OPV may be used for the adult booster dose. An all-IPV schedule shall be used for military accessions and other adults that do not have a history of having completed a full primary series of poliovirus vaccine.

The Services should plan for a transition to the use of IPV for the adult booster dose as soon as practicable. The availability of OPV is expected to be limited in the future in the United States. While OPV remains available, however, either IPV or OPV may be used for the adult booster dose.

More detailed information may be found in the published recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Notice to Readers: Recommendations of the ACIP: Revised Recommendations for Routine Poliomyelitis Vaccination," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Vol. 48, No. 27, June 16, 1999, is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4827a4.htm>. These recommendations revise the recommendations in "Poliomyelitis Prevention in the United States: Introduction of a Sequential Vaccination Schedule of Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine Followed by Oral Poliovirus Vaccine: Recommendations of the ACIP" in *MMWR*, Vol. 46, No. RR-3, January 27, 1997, at <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00046568.htm>.

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This policy shall be included in Service and Joint Staff plans and policies for immunization of military members and other health care beneficiaries. Any requests for additional funding to provide IPV should be forwarded through Service channels.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Sue Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Sue Bailey